
SENATE BILL 6231

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By Senators Kohl, Long, Fairley, Strannigan, Wojahn, Hargrove, Haugen, Winsley, Bauer, Prentice and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the placement of sexually aggressive youth;
2 adding a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 13.40 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective
4 date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the placement of
7 sexually aggressive youth in state-funded or state-operated placements
8 or facilities must be done in such a manner as to protect the other
9 children and youth in those placements or facilities. To achieve this
10 purpose the legislature intends that sexually aggressive youth, under
11 the department's care and custody, shall not be placed in the same
12 residential setting as, nor have unsupervised contact with, other
13 children or youth who have been the victim of sexual abuse.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The department shall ensure that sexually aggressive youth who
17 are under the department's care and custody shall not be placed in the
18 same residential setting as, nor have unsupervised contact with, other

1 children who have been the victim of sexual abuse and who are not also
2 sexually aggressive youth.

3 (2) For the purposes of this section, "sexually aggressive youth"
4 means those youth who:

5 (a) Have committed a sexually aggressive act or other violent act
6 that is sexual in nature; and

7 (b) Are in the care and custody of the state, including youth who
8 are the subject of a proceeding under this chapter or chapter 13.40
9 RCW, and youth who cannot be detained under the juvenile justice system
10 due to being under age twelve and incompetent to stand trial for acts
11 that could be prosecuted as sex offenses as defined by RCW 9.94A.030 if
12 the juvenile was twelve years of age or over, or competent to stand
13 trial if under twelve years of age.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 The department shall ensure that sexually aggressive youth, as
17 defined in section 2 of this act, who are under the department's care
18 and custody, shall not be placed in the same residential setting as,
19 nor have unsupervised contact with, other children who have been the
20 victim of sexual abuse and who are not also sexually aggressive youth.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect January 1, 1997.

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